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SUBJECT: BRIEFING OF SIILASVUO ON SUEZ CANAL OPERATIONS

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1. FOLLOWING RECEIPT REFTTEL, I GOT IN TOUCH WITH UK
AMBASSADOR ADAMS TO COORDINATE BRIEFING SIILASVUO ON
MINE CLEARANCE OPERATION. TOOK ADMIRAL MCCAULEY ALONG
TO INTRODUCE HIM.

2. ADAMS HAS NO PARALLEL INSTRUCTIONS, BUT EXPRESSED
PERSONAL VIEW IT WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE BRIEF SIILASVUO
ON BRITISH PARTICIPATION IN MINE CLEARING OPERATION. HAVE
APPOINTMENT WITH SIILASVUO TOMORROW MORING AT WHICH TIME
BOTH ADAMS AND I WILL MAKE PRESENTATION. WILL AT THAT TIME
ALSO TAKE MCCAULEY ALONG TO INTRODUCE HIM TO
SIILASVUO.

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3. WHILE WE HAVE NOT HERETOFORE FORMALLY BRIEFED

SIILASVUO ON MINE CLEARANCE OPERATIONS, I SHOULD POINT OUT THAT HE AND HIS STAFF ARE AWARE OF IT AND HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED SOME HELP. THUS, FOR EXAMPLE, TENTATIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE ALREADY BEEN MADE TO USE PART OF UNEF ENCAMPMENT AT CAMP SHAMS IN HELIOPOLIS FOR NIMBUS STAR STORAGE PURPOSES. SINCE CANADIAN UNEF UNIT UNDER SIILASVUO'S COMMAND IS CONSIDERED TO HAVE EXCELLENT MEDICAL FACILITIES, WE HAVE MADE INFORMAL ARRANGEMENTS THAT THEY TREAT NIMBUS STAR PERSONNEL IF NEEDED. CANADIAN MEDICAL UNIT IN FACT HELP TREAT THREE AIRMEN WHO WERE RECENTLY HURT DURING C-5 UNLOADING. FINALLY, NIMBUS STAR AND UNEF MAY BE SHARING AIRFIELD AT ISMAILIYYA. WE WILL WISH TO ESTABLISH CLOSER LIAISON WITH UNEF AS NIMBUS STAR PROCEEDS. IN DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE MUST BE MINDFUL OF EGYPTIAN SENSITIVITY THAT INSTALLATIONS CURRENTLY USED BY UNEF REMAIN EGYPTIAN AND THAT THE LATTER'S PERMISSION RATHER THAN THAT OF UNEF IS REQUIRED FOR US TO USE THEM. EILTS

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